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| For:        | BENZOPYRANCARBOXYLIC ACID<br>DERIVATIVES FOR THE TREATMENT OF<br>DIABETES AND LIPID DISORDERS |           | Examiner:<br>unassigned |

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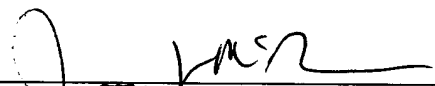
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The Examiner is invited to contact the attorney for applicants at the telephone number provided below if such would advance the prosecution of this application or if the Examiner has any questions regarding this Information Disclosure Statement. Applicants respectfully request early examination and Notice of Allowance.

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